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FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.)  
SUBJECT: ATHERTON TRAVEL

REF: JIDDA 1648 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL REPORTS THAT PRINCE SAUD WILL NOT RETURN TO SAUDI ARABIA UNTIL TUESDAY, MARCH 7. IF I WERE TO GO TO SAUDI ARABIA AS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED THE HIGHEST RANKING PERSONS I WOULD SEE WOULD BE SECOND AND THIRD RANKING OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND SINCE I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO TOUCH BASE AT A HIGHER LEVEL IN SAUDI ARABIA BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON, I PROPOSE REARRANGING MY TRAVEL SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

-- SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1300 LOCAL DEPART AMMAN FOR CAIRO ARRIVING  
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APPROXIMATELY 1600 LOCAL.

-- MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1900 LOCAL DEPART CAIRO FOR JERUSALEM  
ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY 2000 LOCAL.

-- TUESDAY, MARCH 7, IN JERUSALEM.

-- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 0900 LOCAL DEPART JERUSALEM FOR  
SAUDI ARABIA (DESTINATION AND ARRIVAL TIME TO BE DETERMINED).

-- THURSDAY, MARCH 9, SAUDI ARABIA - FRANKFURT, TIMES TO BE  
DETERMINED.

-- FRIDAY, MARCH 10, FRANKFURT - WASHINGTON.

2. ACTION ADDEES PLEASE ADVISE IF NECESSARY APPOINTMENTS  
CAN BE SCHEDULED ACCORDING TO FOREGOING PROGRAM.

3. FOR CAIRO: IF ARRANGING ACCOMODATIONS FOR SUNDAY NIGHT IS  
NOT POSSIBLE, WE COULD DEPART AMMAN FOR CAIRO EARLY MONDAY  
MORNING INSTEAD.

4. REQUEST REPLIES BY NIACT IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM FROM ALL ACTION  
ADDEES TO ARRIVE PRIOR TO 1200 LOCAL (1000Z) SUNDAY, MARCH 5.

5. FOR DAMASCUS: PLEASE INFORM MRS. ATHERTON OF FOREGOING.  
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